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Overview

This act requires the court to issue a certificate of dissolution to accompany a judgment and decree in divorce cases. The court may require the parties or their attorneys to prepare the form and requires the court administrator to provide copies to any party when requested. Current law allows the court or parties to prepare a certificate of dissolution but neither is required to do so. The current law provides what is to be contained in the certificate including the names of the parties and their dependents and when the divorce was granted. This act removes the requirement that social security numbers be included on the certificate, which is consistent with current state court rules. This act removes the requirement that dependent children be named and requires a name change granted in the divorce to be included on the dissolution certificate.

Section

1 **Certificate of dissolution.** Requires the court to issue a certificate of dissolution at the time of the dissolution and allows the court to direct an attorney or pro se party to prepare the certificate. This section allows parties who have not had a certificate of dissolution prepared in the past to request one and requires the court to issue one.

Removes the requirement that a certificate of dissolution list the names of minor children and social security numbers of the parties and minor children. Adds a provision to include the name change of a party to the certificate of dissolution.

This act requires judgments and decrees granted on or after August 1, 2015 to do a certificate of dissolution with each new judgment and decree. This act requires the court to provide a certificate of dissolution on previously granted judgments and decrees whenever the parties request.